

SPECIALTOWN BOARD MEETING, July 21, 2026

PRESENT: Chair Dick Green, Supervisors Melanie Miller, Eric Olson, and Faith Schuck, Clerk/Treasurer Maria Hougan and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Danielle Spilde

ABSENT:

Renee Gouaux

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Dearlove with Clean Lakes Alliance, Steve Jackson, 2697 Rolling View Rd, Susan & Kevin Fenton, 2097 Spring Rd, Mark and Linda Hale, 2703 County Road B, Jason & Mary Ellen Mackey, 648 Taylor Ln, Randy Udell, 2905 Walnut Wood Ct, Kenneth Schuck, 1616 Spring Rd.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Olson opened up the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

1. Educational Presentation from Clean Lakes Alliance.

Paul Dearlove with Clean Lakes Alliance presented educational information regarding phosphorus and how it affects waterways. He gave a brief background regarding the watershed surrounding the lake chain, in which Lake Kegonsa is located at the bottom. Mr. Dearlove stated that agricultural runoff is the number one issue, but there are other contributing factors such as leaves. Leaves become a bigger issue in large cities, where streets have storm & gutter. He used the City of Madison as an example. There are miles and miles of roads with trees in the terrace. When the leaves fall & it rains, they end up directly into the storm sewers, draining into the lakes. Mr. Dearlove discussed what surrounding towns, villages, and cities do to keep leaves out of the lakes. Many larger cities offer leaf collection via vacuum truck. Other options included leaf drop off sites, yard waste/compost sites, and hiring a contractor, such as Pellitteri Waste Systems to pick up leaves. A discussion was held and residents asked questions.

2. Presentation on a leaf district and leaf collection for the Town of Pleasant Springs

Town Board Supervisor Eric Olson presented on the leaf collection for the Town of Pleasant Springs. He provided a brief background on what the town has done in the past. In 2018 FOLKS (Friends of Lake Kegonsa) started a leaf pick up program. FOLKS would collect bags of leaves from residents around the lake. The collection then turned into a joint effort with the Town of Dunn. Dunn and Pleasant Springs would rent a leaf vacuum truck from the City of Stoughton for two weekends each in the fall. The city no longer leases the leaf vacuum trucks out and last year, the Town of Dunn with FOLKS decided to purchase the truck from the city. Supervisor Olson noted the Town idea is to do something similar to the Town of Dunn for designated areas that have run off into the lake. A brief discussion was held.

3. Presentation on the Big and Little Green Lakes Association leaf collection project in Green Lake County.

Supervisor Faith Schuck presented on the Green Lake Association. She gave a brief background on the Green Lake Association and what their initiatives are to keep the lakes clean. In 2023, the association started a program called Rake for the Lake, to encourage residents to rake leaves & keep them out of the lakes. The program is no longer active, as the association decided to direct their time and efforts to larger issues. The Town of Green Lake does not provide leaf pick up, but they do offer a yard waste site where residents can drop off leaves.

This public meeting is for the purpose of educating the public and town board on the effects of leaves in our waterways, and possible leaf collection for the Town of Pleasant Springs Lake property owners. There will be no action taken at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Olson closed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Danielle Spilde
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer